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ASG collections in the month of May lower than same time last year

The American Samoa Government didn't surpass local collections made last May. However, there were significant increases in collections made last month by different ASG departments and funding sources that soared well above the same time last year.

This is according to the Treasury Monthly Financial Overview Report for local funds for May 2008 submitted to Governor Togiola Tulafono from ASG Treasurer Gaea Perefoti Failautusi.

Last May, ASG collected \$5,336,513 in local funds. Last month, collections only amounted to \$4,863,186.

The decrease can be attributed to areas like the Tax Reserve which brought in \$499,744 last May but failed to collect a penny last month. Even grant funding dropped from \$340,387 last May to only \$87,080 the same time this year. Workmen's Compensation decreased its collections from \$123,122 last May to \$88,321 last month.

The Road Maintenance Fund collected nothing last month, although it brought in \$60,147 the same time last year. In addition, the Port Administration collected \$95,337 last May but didn't collect a single cent last month. Immigration bonds fell into a slump, bringing in \$71,417 last May but dropping down to only \$31,373 last month.

Despite the decrease in overall collections from a handful of funding sources, individual department collections show dramatic increases compared to the same time last year.

For example, last May, the Judicial only brought in \$25,714 but last month, collections for them skyrocketed to \$49,047. The same goes for the Customs bond collections which went from collecting \$143,969 last May to a whopping \$265,478 last month.

The largest increase comes from the Port which collected \$193,209 last May but ballooned to \$344,017 last month.

Two ASG divisions, Weights and

Measures and Traffic Violation, went from collecting nothing last May to \$860 and \$8,245 respectively the same time this year.

The following is a detailed list of ASG departments, agencies, and funding sources that increased their collections last month compared to the same time last year:

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Got Scrap Metal? FREE Pick Up!

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
July 11 & 12, 2008**

All scrap metal: appliances, roofing iron & other metal junk
MUST BE AT ROADSIDE BY
FRIDAY JULY 11, 2008
Call AS-EPA at 633-2304 for more information

**U'amea Ua Lafoa'i
Aoina E Leai Se Totogi
ASO FARAILE & ASO TO'ONA'I
Iulai 11 & 12, 2008**

Mo u'amea uma: ogaumu, masini tanea ma pusa'aia,
'apa ato fale & ma isi itu'aiga u'amea ua lafoa'i.
E TATAU ONA I AUTAFA O LE AUALA AE LE'I O'D ATU I LE
ASO FARAILE, IULAI 11, 2008
Vala'au le AS-EPA ile 633-2304 mo nisi fa'amatalaga



**American Samoa Environmental
Protection Agency (AS-EPA)
633-2304**

ASG RADIO PROGRAM

With: Gov. Togiola Tulafono

On: Showers of Blessings FM 104.7

Saturdays @ 7a.m.- 9:00a.m. Call: 699-8123/8124

ASG Sponsors Bay Area Clean-Up this Friday

Utulei, American Samoa, July 9, 2008 – The American Samoa Government (ASG) is sponsoring a Bay Area Clean-Up in the villages of Aua, Leloaloa, Satala, Pago Pago, Fagatogo, Utulei, Fagaalu, Fatumafuti, Matu'u, and Nu'uuli this Friday morning, July 11, 2008 from 8 AM until 2 PM.

The Bay Area Clean-Up is being coordinated by the Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) with participation from all 23 ASG departments. Other partners include the American Samoa Power Authority (ASPA), American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA) and the American Samoa Development Bank (DBAS).

AS-EPA anticipates that over 2,000 people will participate in this massive effort to clean up the land, streams, beaches, and coral reefs in the Bay Area. AS-EPA Director Fanuatele Dr. Toafa Vaiaga'e expresses his thanks to the Honorable Governor Togiola Tulafono for his endorsement of this coordinated ASG clean up effort.

In addition to the Bay Area Clean-Up, AS-EPA is also coordinating an Island-wide Scrap Metal Pick-Up on Friday and Saturday July 11 & 12, 2008. Scrap metal (no cars or furniture) must be placed by the road side early Friday morning for pick-up.

Director Fanuatele Dr. Toafa Vaiaga'e encourages the public to support both the Bay Area Clean-Up and the Island-wide Scrap Metal Pick-Up this weekend to help protect our land and water resources and our people. AS-EPA says: 'Litter hurts all of us...do the right thing!'

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SOURCE	2008	2007
Revenue	184,950	183,283
Immigration Office	155,183	144,685
Procurement	18,779	18,305
Agriculture	7,636	5,262
Vital Statistics	5,785	5,060
Parks and Recreation	1,300	650
Public Health	7,578	4,665
Attorney	37,045	35,170
General's Office		
Administrative Services	4,614	4,559
Sports Complex	15,343	14,272
Customs	2,070,666	1,870,022
Airport	91,894	87,748

The LBJ loan brought in same amount of \$91,667 which has been the case every month for past year.

Faamolemole tatou au fa'atasi i se taumafaiga a le Malo O Amerika Samoa i le aoina o otaota

FAAMAMAINA O LE FAGALOA

I alalafaga nei: Aua, Leloaloa, Satala, Pago Pago, Fagatogo, Utulei, Fagaalu, Fatumafuti & Matu'u

Aso Faraile Iulai 11, 2008
8:00 TAEAO - 12:00 I LE AOAULI

Valaau le AS-EPA i le 633-2304 mo nisi faamatalaga

O le faalapisii e tiga uma ai tatou...fai le mea tataui

American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA)



Fesoasoani le Malo o Amerika Samoa I le fa'amamaina ole Fagaloa

Utulei, Amerika Samoa, July 9, 2008 – Ua iai nei se fuafuaga a le malo o Amerika Samoa, o le a fa'ataunu'uina le fa'amamaina o le otaota i alalafaga oi le Fagaloa, e aofia ai Aua, Leloaloa, Satala, Pago Pago, Fagatogo, Utulei, Fagaalu, Fatumafuti, Matu'u man Nu'uuli i le aso Faraile nei, Iulai 11, 2008 e amata i le 8:00 I le taeao se'ia o'o atu i le 2:00 I le aoauli.

O le fa'amamaina o le Fagaloa o lo'o fa'atautaia e le Ofisa o Puipuia le Si'osi'omaga I Amerika Samoa (AS-EPA) ma o lo'o au ai ma matagaluega e 23 o le Malo. O lo'o iai fo'i ma le Matagaluega o le Pule'aga O Le Vai Ma Le Eletise (ASPA), Matagaluega o Feso'ota'iga (ASTCA) atoa ai ma le Faletupe Mo Atina'e (DBAS).

I se tala mai le AS-EPA e tusa e 2,000 le aofa'i o tagata o le a auai i lea fa'amoemoe i le fa'amamaina lea o fanua, alavai atoa ai ma matafaga ma le sami. E momoli atu ai le fa'afetai tele lava a le fa'atonu o le AS-EPA, le Foma'i ia Fanuatele Toafa Vaiaga'e i le Kovana Sili o Amerika Samoa, le Afioga i le Matua ia Togiola Tulafono i lona lagolago malosi o lenei taumafaiga e fa'amama le Fagaloa.

E le gata la i le fa'amamaina o le Fagaloa, ae o lo'o tu'u faatasia fo'i e le AS-EPA le aoina o u'amea ua lafoai mo le motu atoa. E amata aoina u'amea i le aso Faraile, Iulai 11, 2008 ma le aso To'ana'i, Iulai 12, 2008. Ua fia faailoa atu ai ile atunu'u ina ia la'u ifo uma u'amea lafoa'i i le tafa ala ae le'i o'o atu i le taeao o le aso Faraile, Iulai 11, 2008. E le taliaina atigi taavale ma meafale ua lafoai.

O le fautuaga a le Fa'atonu o le AS-EPA, le Foma'i ia Fanuatele Toafa Vaiaga'e mo le tatou atunu'u, ia lagolago malosi nei taumafaiga, le fa'amamaina o le Fagaloa ma le aoina o le u'amea lafoa'i mai le motu atoa. Ia fesoasoani ile puipuia o tatou laufanua, suavai ma tatou tagata. O le tala mai le AS-EPA, "O le faaotaota e tiga uma ai tatou...fai le mea tataui!"

EAC tackles subject of import excise tax in report to Governor Togiola

In its report to Governor Togiola Tulafono, the Economic Advisory Council says that Import Excise Tax (IET) can be a suitable alternative in the absence of a sales tax, goods and services tax or added value tax, provided that rates applied are both fair for all concerned and evenly charged.

Unfortunately, the Council added, IET has become a simple source of government funding for various projects, and has seen IET increased on an ad hoc basis such as the unpopular soda tax or alcohol tax.

"In isolation these may not matter much," the report says; "however, potential investors can be confused by the complexity and worried about the potential of IET increasing on goods they import."

The EAC points out that most successful economies have effectively removed IET and relied more on a sales based tax, despite the difficulties involved in policing this.

"It is the view of this Council that this should be pursued further, despite the apparent complexities in policing," the report says. "It may well be appropriate to employ additional tax officers to enforce collection which will be funded from the increased revenue that it attracts."

***10TH FESTIVAL OF
PACIFIC ARTS***

July 20th – August 2nd

***PLEASE KEEP AMERICAN
SAMOA CLEAN!***

***FA'AMAMA AMERIKA
SAMOA!***

PBDC annual meeting closes with positive outcome

The Pacific Basin Development Council's (PBDC) Board of Directors' annual meeting convened on June 25-26 in Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii and focused on emerging trends affecting the Pacific region. The PBDC, which is managed by a board of directors, is based in Honolulu, Hawaii and is a non-profit group comprised of governors representing US jurisdictions, including American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Hawaii.

PBDC chairman Governor Togiola Tulafono was joined at the meeting by First Lady Maryann Tulafono, Department of Commerce Deputy Director Lelei Peau, and Acting Director of Department of Homeland Security Tuala Mike Sala.

Prior to his departure, Togiola explained that the meeting will include discussions on economic development for the PBDC membership.

On June 25th, the Pacific Basin Development Council (PBDC) and the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) jointly sponsored a technical seminar on emerging hazards. The technical seminar successfully initiated dialogue among the member islands regarding the global changes in emergency situations and the trend of emerging hazards. Additionally, it highlighted the need for strategic preparedness and/or new mitigation strategies regarding the future of homeland security.

The technical seminar was conducted by subject matter experts from the NPS and core staff of the PBDC.

The annual meeting transpired on June 26 and covered a range of issues from operations to the identification of regional challenges. A key outcome of the meeting was the initiation of collaborative dialogue through which the PBDC Board of Directors, NPS subject matter experts, PBDC core staff, and invited federal and local representatives identified U.S. Pacific issues that directly affect national policy.

Another highlighted outcome was the discussion of communication strategies by which the member Governors can garner federal policy support regarding emerging issues that have now positioned the US Pacific as the "front gate" concerning US national security policies.

An annual senior executive seminar which focused on information sharing priority - specifically in law enforcement and intelligence aspects - and public health threats was also on the agenda.

In addition to conducting research into economic and social developments of the Pacific Islands, the PBDC goes further by implementing projects to that effect.

HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On July 5, 1929, Lawrence McCully Judd, who would serve as American Samoa's fourth appointed civil governor (March 4-August 5, 1953) took the oath of office as Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, after being appointed to the position by President Herbert Hoover.

On July 5, 1943, the Chief Surgeon for the Samoan Defense Group reported that 2,235 patients were sent back to the United States from October 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943. 1,265 of these had filariasis.

On July 6, 1900, the Secretary of the Navy authorized the Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila (Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley) to enlist 58 Samoans as "Landsmen" in the Navy. They soon came to be known as the "Fita Fita Guard and Band."

On July 7, 1911, the islands of Tutuila, Aunu'u and Manu'a, formerly designated as "U.S. Naval Station Tutuila," were officially designated as "American Samoa," although the actual Naval Station, in Fagatogo and Utulei, continued to be called "U.S. Naval Station Tutuila."

On July 8, 1914, in his "Annual Report to the Secretary of the Navy," (Josephus Daniels) the Governor of American Samoa, Commander Clark Daniel Stearns, under the heading "IMPROVEMENT OF GROUNDS," informed the Secretary that "1800 feet of concrete walks, four feet in width, have been constructed where necessary to connect buildings. Cinders from the power plant and station ship have been used as available on the roads through the station, furnishing a light thoroughfare by being well tamped and covered with crude oil. Many trees and shrubs have been planted, such as mango, papaya, kapok, candle nut, avocado, breadfruit and other native shade trees. The total number of trees and shrubs planted is 1541."

On July 10, 1900, Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley, Commandant of the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila, Tui Manu'a Elisara and U.S. Navy Doctor Edward M. Blackwell raised the U.S. flag on Rose Atoll, and claimed it for the United States.

On July 10, 1941, the organization of the First Samoan Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, began. All recruits were enlisted as privates, and were paid 70 cents a day, with a uniform allowance of \$5.00. After four months, their pay was raised to \$1.00 a day. "Special instructions from Headquarters, Marine Corps, listed these defects as not cause for disqualification for enlistment in the First Samoan Battalion: flat feet, intestinal parasites, yaws (not tertiary), defective vision (one eye must be 20/20 and the other not below 15/20), opacities (when not interfering with vision), overweight (except in marked obesity cases), filariasis (not including elephantiasis) and incipient pyorrhea."

On July 11, 1911, the Solicitor of the Navy authorized Commander William Michael Crose, who was Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila and Governor of Tutuila, to use the designation "American Samoa." Thus, Crose was the first person to be designated as "Governor of American Samoa," rather than "Governor of Tutuila," although he, and all succeeding naval governors continued also to be designated as "Commandant, U.S. Naval Station Tutuila."

The Shape of Learning to Come: ASCC Participates in Online Language Pilot Project

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

Two Samoan instructors in the Samoan Studies Institute (SSI) at the American Samoa Community College (ASCC), Telei'ai Christian Ausage and Evile Fa'atauao Feleti, have returned from a week spent in Hawaii, where they participated in a training held by the National Foreign Language Resource Center (NFLRC), based at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The knowledge brought back by Ausage and Feleti will enable students at the College to participate in an innovative online project for language instruction.

The project goes by its full name of Online Cafes for Heritage Learners of Filipino, Japanese and Samoan. David Hiple of the University of Hawaii NFLRC describes the Online Cafes as "the virtual equivalent of the neighborhood coffeehouse, where people gather for conversation and social interaction." The UH NFLRC has spent several years developing a prototype online café for language learning for several years, and now this distance education project will enable heritage students (or students of the same ancestry as the language they study) of Filipino, Japanese and Samoan to come together online with students of similar profiles at distant locations. Members of each café will dialogue online with peers and facilitators (instructors) in a learning community via forums or threaded discussions. The cafes will feature a social area for free chat, a discussion area for instructor-guided interaction, a grammar clinic for focus on form, and a gallery for sharing pictures.

During their training, Ausage and Feleti met with members of the NFLRC as well as their future partners in the Samoan Pathways Café. During the pilot or test-run phase of the project, which will get underway during the fall 2008 semester, the two instructors here in American Samoa will collaborate with their counterparts from the Samoan language programs at UH Manoa and Farrington High School to form the first-ever virtual Samoan language learning community. The virtual community will mirror the real Hawaii-America Samoa educational community in that Feleti has previously studied under UH Manoa Samoan language instructor Fepulea'i Lasei John Mayer and his staff, while two daughters of American Samoa, Denise Ah Sue and Samala'ulu Chrissy Lam Yuen, now teach in the still-new Samoan program at Farrington, which their predecessor Dr. Jacinta Galea'i originally coordinated.

As Feleti explained, "This fall, Telei'ai and I will select students from our Samoan classes to begin this project with us. During our training with our partners, we all agreed to start small, with just five students, during the pilot phase of the project. This will make it easier for all of us to do our part in managing the system as we also get our first experience in registering the students in the online café, uploading files for our section of useful links, and editing student work." Feleti and Ausage have chosen Joseph Iosua of the SSI as the lead member of the ASCC online group, and will select the remaining four members when the semester starts.

The pilot phase of the project will last two semesters, during which time Feleti and Ausage will make analyses of its progress and collect data that will contribute towards the improvement of the system. In fall 2009, they will return to Hawaii and join their partners from UH Manoa and Farrington to present their findings to the NFLRC. While it may take several years before the online café method becomes commonplace for teaching the Samoan language, Feleti and others expressed a great enthusiasm for the possibilities offered by this new approach. "We could eventually include not just the mainland United States, but also other countries like New Zealand and Australia in our online community," said Feleti. "Imagine having a classroom in several places all around the world at the same time, and you understand what kind of potential this has for helping us fulfill our mission of keeping alive the Samoan language and culture."

Is American Samoa ready to make the transition into cyber-learning at this level? "I think so," reflected Feleti. "Today, young Samoans learn how to use the technology readily available in their schools and in their homes very quickly. Even kids in elementary school already use email and computer messaging to communicate with their friends. These days, I often hear teachers express grave concern that computers and technology will slowly replace them. They should take a more realistic approach, and try and catch up with their own students. From my own perspective, I believe that teachers who do integrate technology into their classrooms will eventually find themselves replaced by those who do."

Notice of Intention to Adopt Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) for Calendar Years 2008 & 2009 for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program

Pursuant to the American Samoa Code Annotated (ASCA) Section 4.1001 et seq., the Office of Federal Programs, a division of the Office of the Governor, intends to adopt a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) for calendar years 2008 & 2009 for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program.

The proposed Qualified Allocation Plan is now available for viewing by interested members of the public at the Office of the Governor (8am to 4pm) and the Development Bank of American Samoa (9am to 3pm) from Monday to Friday (except holidays.)

Public hearings on the proposed QAP are scheduled for Tuesday, July 15, 2008 and Thursday, July 17, 2008 from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Department of Commerce Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the Executive Office Building (EOB) in Utulei.

Members of the public are invited to attend these hearings to present their views and comments on the matter. Or written comments on the QAP may also be submitted to the Office of Federal Programs or the Office of the Governor.

For more information, please contact Mr. Pat Galea'i at the Office of Federal Programs at 633-5155, or Tala Uiagalelei at the Office of the Governor at 633-4116.

**Please come join us for the
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